



**CHARTER REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERIM STRONG MAYOR SUB-COMMITTEE
CHAIR- ALAN BERSIN**

**MINUTES FOR
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**CONFERENCE ROOM B (12TH FLOOR),
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9:05 a.m. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Committee Members:

Alan Bersin, Chair	Present
Barbara Cleves Anderson	Present
John Davies	Present
Adrian Kwiatkowski	Present
Glen Sparrow	Present

Staff In Attendance:

Chris Cameron, Council President's Office
James Ingram, Committee Consultant
Job Nelson, Office of the Mayor
Penni Takade, Deputy Director, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
Catherine Tran, Committee Consultant, Legal Affairs
Sharon Spivak, City Attorney's Office
Huston Carlyle, City Attorney's Office

Guests:

Jaymie Bradford, Office of the Mayor
Lisa Celaya, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
Les Girard, Former City Attorney

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mignon Scherer
 - Enquired to the subcommittee whether or not the Charter Review Committee would take up environmental issues as part of the Charter review process.

CITY ATTORNEY, COUNCIL INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST AND MAYORAL STAFF COMMENT

ITEM – 1: Redevelopment/Land Use and the Charter: Discussion Item – No Action Taken

- Jaymie Bradford to present first but had to step out. Alan Bersin moved to hear the report from the IBA's office.
- Lisa Celaya from the IBA's Office gave a brief report.
- Jaymie Bradford from Mayor Sander's Office joined in this discussion, coupling her presentation, looking at what had been done in other cities regarding redevelopment, with the initial discussion begun by IBA report.
 - Those cities in the presentation:
 - Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, San Francisco.
 - Glen Sparrow asked that staff add Oakland and Fresno to the list of cities to examine.
- Michael Jenkins, a member of the public, spoke on issues of redevelopment.
 - The role of the mayor in redevelopment is not necessarily related to the Charter.
- Les Girard, former City Attorney, disagreed with Mr. Jenkins understanding, believing instead that the Charter does indeed have some role in understanding the issues of redevelopment and the roles of the mayor and council.
- Proposed language: The Mayor will appoint existing and future commissioners, and, where there is no city commission or state mandate, the mayor will serve as the executive director.
- Staff requests
 - Look at other cities on redevelopment language within their respective Charters.
 - The Council's ability to direct the Mayor.
 - Where lines are drawn in regards to setting policy vs. implementation.

ITEM – 2: Sunset Provisions on Strong Mayor: Discussion Item – No Action Taken

- Catherine Tran presented research regarding legality of placing Sunset provision on the ballot.
 - There is nothing against placing Sunset on the ballot.
 - Oakland case provides support for placing Sunset on the ballot.

- Discussion of timing, 2010 Census and mandated Redistricting Commission in 2011. Has the Strong Mayor trial period served the general purpose? Population suspicious of government, allow the trial period to run the full course?
- Move to propose a two-pronged recommendation to the Charter Committee on to the City Council.
 - Recommend first that Sunset should be abolished go on the ballot going to a vote of the people in 2008.
 - Secondly, if rejected, recommend an automatic transition to the ballot in 2010.
- Staff requests
 - Consider the practical complications of putting issue to the ballot in 2010 vs. 2012.
 - Identify the Redistricting process according to the Charter and practical issues with that process.
 - Draft language regarding the primary and secondary recommendations of the Interim Strong Mayor subcommittee.

ITEM – 5: Action Item: Approve Minutes from May 18, 2007 Interim Strong Mayor Subcommittee Meeting

- Chairman Bersin moves to address Item 5 early due to being ahead of schedule.
- Changes to Minutes as amended.

ITEM – 3: Adding a Ninth Council District to the City Council: Discussion Item – No Action Taken

- Discussion of Ninth Council District and Mayoral Veto tied together.
- Ideal to redistrict now, but practically and politically impossible.
 - The possibility of a phantom ninth district is proposed. Elect a ninth council member with no real district and who cannot be reelected come 2012 after redistricting.
- Staff requests
 - Comparative research on other cities, their number of council districts vs. number of constituents, etc.

ITEM – 4: Revising the Mayoral Veto: Discussion Item – No Action Taken

- What to do with the veto
 - Maintaining the current situation in regards to the veto is proposed.
 - Problem, the current situation has no veto
 - Staff request – Comparative research on other cities, whether the mayor has a veto and the Council vote required to override the veto
- Committee consultant James Ingram is asked to clear up any other issues regarding redevelopment.

11:15 a.m. Adjournment

